

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Before Commissioners:

Robert G. Taub, Acting Chairman;
Nanci E. Langley, Vice Chairman;
Mark Acton; and
Tony Hammond

Competitive Product Prices
Global Reseller Expedited Package Services 1
(MC2010-21)
Negotiated Service Agreement

Docket No. CP2015-31

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR TEMPORARY RELIEF

(Issued January 28, 2016)

The negotiated service agreement in this proceeding (Existing Agreement) is set to expire January 31, 2016.¹ On January 27, 2016, the Postal Service filed a motion for temporary relief seeking to extend the expiration date of the Existing Agreement through February 29, 2016.²

¹ Order No. 2330, Order Approving Additional Global Reseller Expedited Package Contracts 1 Negotiated Service Agreement, January 26, 2015. See also United States Postal Service Response to Order No. 2330 Concerning Effective Date of a Global Reseller Expedited Package 1 Negotiated Service Agreement, January 29, 2015. The Postal Service refers to the product as “Global Reseller Expedited Package Contracts 1” but the Mail Classification Schedule (MCS) lists the product as “Global Reseller Expedited Package Services 1.” This Order refers to the product consistent with the MCS.

² Motion of the United States Postal Service for Temporary Relief Concerning Global Reseller Expedited Package Contracts 1 Negotiated Service Agreement, January 27, 2016, at 1 (Motion).

The Postal Service states that it intends to initiate a new rate docket and file a successor to the Existing Agreement. *Id.* However, in order to maintain continuity of pricing and other terms, the Postal Service requests that the Commission grant a brief extension and keep the Existing Agreement on the MCS until February 29, 2016. *Id.*

In addition, the Motion was filed January 27, 2016, just four days prior to the Existing Agreement's expiration date. In Order No. 1523, the Commission directed the Postal Service to file motions for temporary relief at least one week prior to the contract's expiration date.³ The Postal Service provides that because of the absence of key personnel due to weather and other factors, it was unable to send, until recently, a signed modification to the customer that would extend the Existing Agreement. Motion at 1. The Commission recognizes that the Postal Service has made a good faith effort to comply with the expectations set forth in Order No. 1523 and continues to urge the Postal Service to provide sufficient time to review each request.

The Commission grants the Motion. The relatively brief extension is in the public interest because it is unlikely to have any material effect on cost coverage, will avoid undue disruption in the administration of the contract, and will not prejudice any person.

Any fully executed modification to the Existing Agreement between the Postal Service and the customer should be filed with the Commission.

It is ordered:

1. The Motion of the United States Postal Service for Temporary Relief Concerning Global Reseller Expedited Package Services 1 Negotiated Service Agreement, filed January 27, 2016, is granted.
2. The Existing Agreement is authorized to remain in the Mail Classification Schedule through February 29, 2016.

³ See Docket No. CP2009-38, Order Granting Motion for Temporary Relief and Providing Guidance Regarding Future Motions for Temporary Relief, November 1, 2012, at 2 (Order No. 1523).

3. If any written modification to the Existing Agreement is fully executed, the Postal Service shall file such modifications with the Commission.

By the Commission.

Stacy L. Ruble
Secretary